

## ABSTRACT

A liquid crystal display device of an in-plane switching mode comprises at least an optically anisotropic member and a liquid crystal cell disposed between a pair of polarizers having absorption axes disposed approximately perpendicularly to each other, wherein  $n_z > n_x > n_y$  ( $n_x$ : a refractive index ( $n$ ) in the direction of the in-plane slow axis;  $n_y$ :  $n$  in the in-plane direction perpendicular to the above direction;  $n_z$ :  $n$  in the direction of thickness, each at 550 nm); the optically anisotropic member comprises a layer comprising a material having a negative value of intrinsic birefringence; and the in-plane slow axis of the optically anisotropic member is approximately parallel or perpendicular to the absorption axis of a polarizer closer to the member. The antireflection property, scratch resistance and durability are excellent, the angle of field is wide, and uniform display of images with great contrast can be achieved at any angle of observation.